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Reading Ezekiel Like An Alien Encounter

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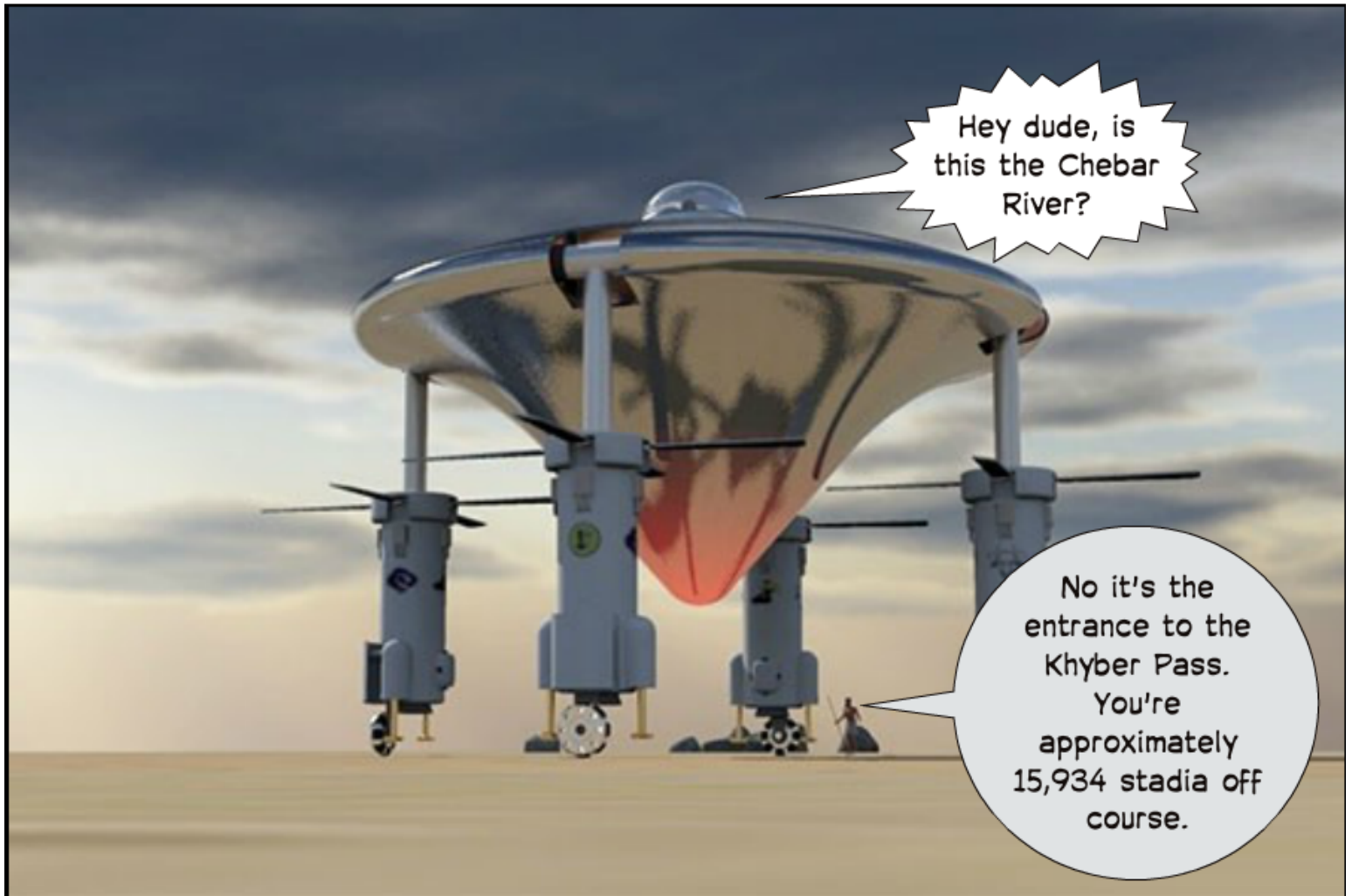
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Ezekiel 1 a Few Hours Before



The word of the LORD came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD came upon me. I looked, and look, a stormy wind came out of the north, a great cloud, with flashing lightning, and a brightness around it, and out of its midst as it were glowing metal, out of the midst of the fire. Ezekiel 1:3-4

Ezekiel 2 With a Little Honey



Zeek, just try it.
They say my
scrolls taste a
little bit like honey
and cinnamon.

OK, I'll
try
some.

But you, son of man, hear what I tell you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house: open your mouth, and eat that which I give you." When I looked, look, a hand was put forth to me; and, look, a written scroll was in it. He spread it before me: and it was written within and without; and there were written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe. Ezekiel 2:8-10

Ezekiel 3 With Foreheads



The house of Israel will not listen to you; for they will not listen to me: for all the house of Israel are obstinate and hard-hearted. Look, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads. As an adamant harder than flint have I made your forehead. Do not be afraid of them, nor be dismayed at their looks Ezekiel 3:7-9

Ezekiel 4 Cooking Show



Your food which you shall eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time you shall eat it. You shall drink water by measure, the sixth part of a hin: from time to time you shall drink. You shall eat it as barley cakes, and you shall bake it in their sight with dung that comes out of man."

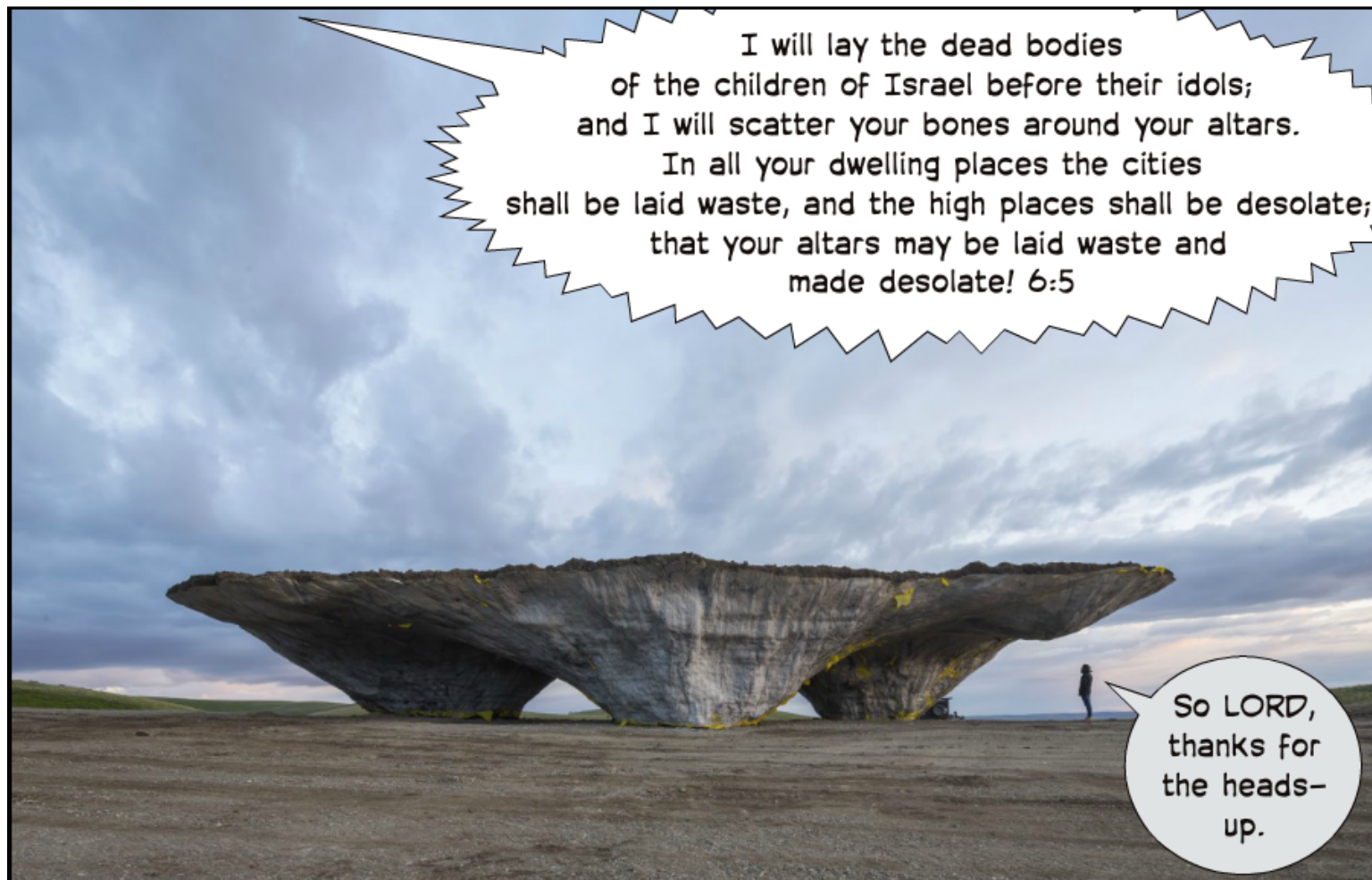
Ezekiel 4:10-12

Ezekiel 5 in Close Shave



Take a sharp sword; You shall take it as a barber's razor to you, and shall cause it to pass on your head and on your beard: then take balances to weigh, and divide the hair. A third part you shall burn in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and you shall take a third part, and strike with the sword around it; and a third part you shall scatter to the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them. Ezekiel 5:1-2

Ezekiel 6 in a Wasteland



I, even I, will bring a sword on you, and I will destroy your high places. Your altars shall become desolate, and your incense altars shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain men before your idols. I will stretch out my hand on them, and make the land desolate and waste, from the wilderness toward Riblah, throughout all their habitations: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 6:4,14

Ezekiel 7 Final Destruction



Thus says the LORD GOD: 'A disaster, a unique disaster; look, it comes. An end has come, the end has come; it awakes against you; look, it comes. Your doom has come to you, inhabitant of the land: the time has come, the day is near, a day of tumult, and not of joyful shouting, on the mountains. Now will I shortly pour out my wrath on you, and accomplish my anger against you...Ezekiel 7:5-8

Ezekiel 8 Abomination



Then he said to me, "Son of man, dig now in the wall": and when I had dug in the wall, look, a door. He said to me, "Go in, and see the wicked abominations that they do here." So I went in and saw; and see, every form of creeping things, and abominable animals, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed around on the wall. Ezekiel 8:8-10

Ezekiel 9 and the Marks



Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark on the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry over all the abominations that are done in its midst." To the others he said in my hearing, "Go through the city after him, and strike: do not let your eye spare, neither have pity; kill utterly the old man, the young man and the virgin, and little children and women; but do not come near any man on whom is the mark: and begin at my sanctuary. Ezekiel 9:4-6

Ezekiel 10 and the Wheels



I looked, and look, four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub, and another wheel beside another cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was like a beryl stone. As for their appearance, the four of them had the same likeness, like a wheel within a wheel. When they went, they went in their four directions: they didn't turn as they went, but to the place where the head looked they followed it; they didn't turn as they went.

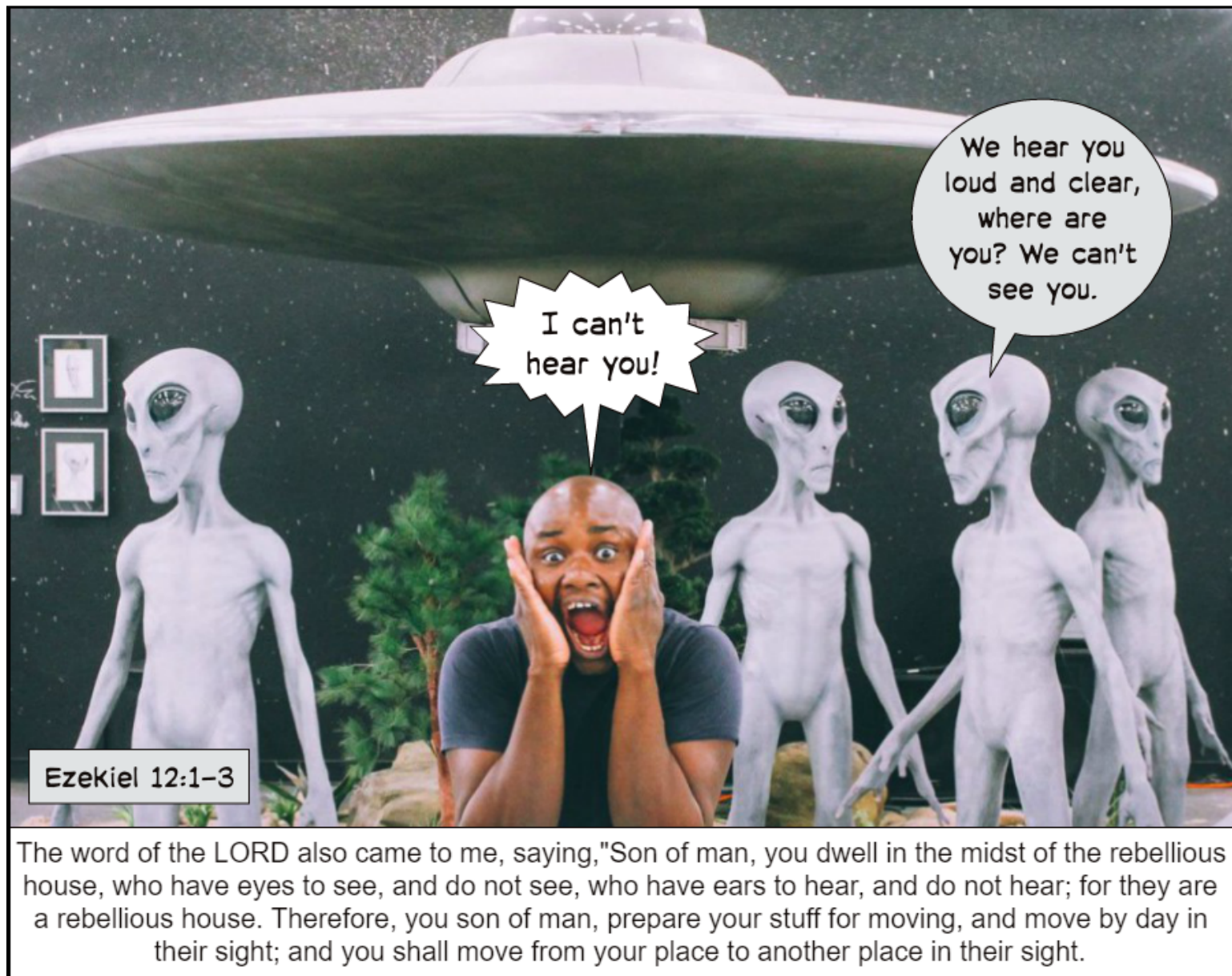
Ezekiel 10:9-11

Ezekiel 11 Old Heart New Heart



They shall take away all the detestable things of it and all its abominations from there. I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh... But as for them whose heart walks after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their way on their own heads,' says the Lord GOD. Ezekiel 11:18-21

Ezekiel 12 in a Captivity Parable



Ezekiel 13 in False Prophet Wrath



Tell those who plaster walls with whitewash, that they shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and you, great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind break out. Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: I will even tear it with a stormy wind in my wrath; and there shall be an overflowing shower in my anger, and great hailstones in wrath to consume it. Ezekiel 13:11-13

Ezekiel 14 and Evil Animals

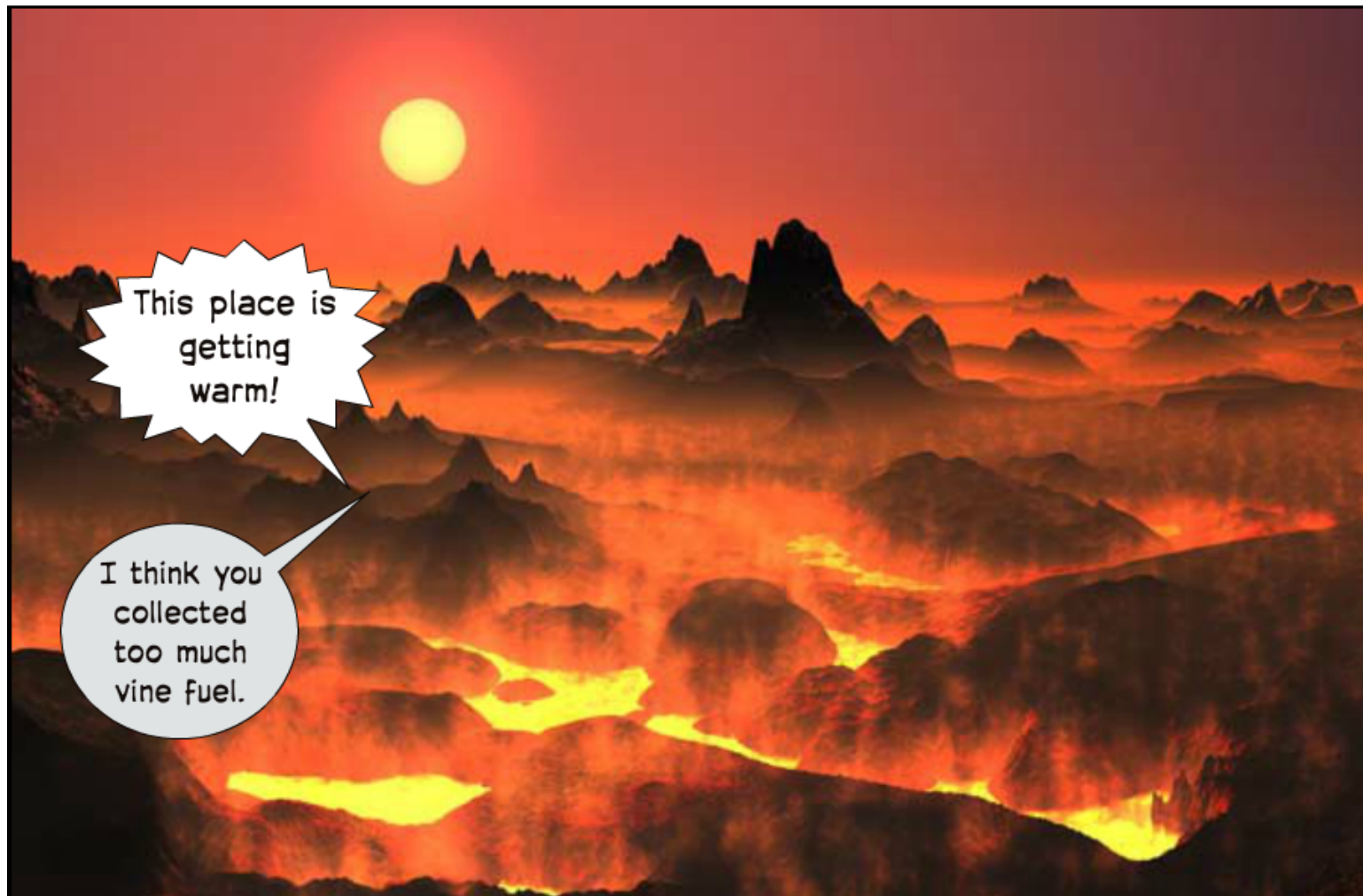


Move over
whiners, we're on
our way to
Jerusalem!

Got
swords,
will
travel.

"For thus says the Lord GOD: 'How much more when I send my four severe judgments on Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the evil animals, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and animal. Yet, look, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be carried forth, both sons and daughters: look, they shall come forth to you, and you shall see their way and their doings; and you shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem'... Ezekiel 14:21-22

Ezekiel 15 in a Desolate Land



'As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem. I will set my face against them; they shall go forth from the fire, but the fire shall devour them; and you shall know that I am the LORD, when I set my face against them. I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass'... Ezekiel 15:6-8

Ezekiel 16 and the Gigolo's Customer



You also took your beautiful jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given you, and played the prostitute with them; and you took your embroidered garments, and covered them, and set my oil and my incense before them. You have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne to me, and you have sacrificed these to them to be devoured. You have slain my children, and delivered them up, in causing them to pass through the fire? Strangers give gifts to all prostitutes; but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and bribe them, that they may come to you on every side for your prostitution.

Ezekiel 16:17...33

Ezekiel 17 Babylon & Egypt



A great eagle with great wings and long feathers, full of feathers, which had various colors, came to Lebanon, and took the top of the cedar: He cropped off the topmost of the young twigs of it, and carried it to a land of traffic; he set it in a city of merchants. He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful soil; he placed it beside many waters... There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and look, this vine bent its roots toward him, and shot forth its branches toward him Ezekiel 17:3-7

Ezekiel 18 Won't Remember, Whew!



"But if the wicked turn from all his sins that he has committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his transgressions that he has committed shall be remembered against him: in his righteousness that he has done he shall live.

But when the righteous turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds that he has done shall be remembered Ezekiel 18:21-24

Ezekiel 19 Dry and Thirsty



The vine was plucked up in fury, it was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up its fruit: its strong rods were broken off and withered; the fire consumed them.

Now it is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty land.

Fire is gone out of the rods of its branches, it has devoured its fruit, so that there is in it no strong rod to be a scepter to rule. This is a lamentation. Ezekiel 19:12-14

Ezekiel 20 Face to Face Judgement



For when I had brought them into the land, which I swore to give to them, then they saw every high hill, and every thick tree, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering; there also they made their pleasant aroma, and they poured out there their drink offerings. Then I said to them, 'What does the high place where you go mean?' So its name is called Bamah (High Place) to this day... and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there will I enter into judgment with you face to face. Like as I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I enter into judgment with you," says the Lord GOD Ezekiel 20:28...36

Ezekiel 21 with Deadly Swords



Get back here you melted heart stumbler!

Holy Excrement I'm dead meat.

Strike your hands together; and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the deadly wounded: it is the sword of the great one who is deadly wounded, which enters into their rooms. I have set the threatening sword against all their gates, that their heart may melt, and their stumblings be multiplied: Ah. It is made as lightning, it is pointed for slaughter. Ezekiel 21:14-15

Ezekiel 22 Jerusalem Refiners Fire



As they gather silver and bronze and iron and lead and tin into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire on it, to melt it; so will I gather you in my anger and in my wrath, and I will lay you there, and melt you. Yes, I will gather you, and blow on you with the fire of my wrath, and you shall be melted in its midst. As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so you will be melted in its midst.

Ezekiel 22:20-22

Ezekiel 23 Jerusalem is Oholibah



Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother: and they played the prostitute in Egypt; they played the prostitute in their youth; there were their breasts pressed, and there was handled the bosom of their virginity. Their names were Oholah the elder, and Oholibah her sister: Oholah played the prostitute when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers,... Her sister Oholibah saw this, yet was she more corrupt in her doting than she, and in her prostitution which were more than the prostitution of her sister. Ezekiel 23:2...11

Ezekiel 24 and the Cooking Pot



Doesn't look like "dark" meat to me!

Yeah, but later it should make some nice scum.

Set on the caldron, set it on, and also pour water into it: gather its pieces into it, even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice bones. Take the choice of the flock, and also a pile of wood for the bones under the caldron; make it boil well; yes, let its bones be boiled in its midst. Ezekiel 24:3-5

Ezekiel 25 in Sweet Revenge



"Thus says the Lord GOD, 'I will stretch out my hand on Edom, and will cut off man and animal from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; even to Dedan shall they fall by the sword. I will lay my vengeance on Edom by the hand of my people Israel; and they shall do in Edom according to my anger and according to my wrath; and they shall know my vengeance, says the Lord GOD.'"

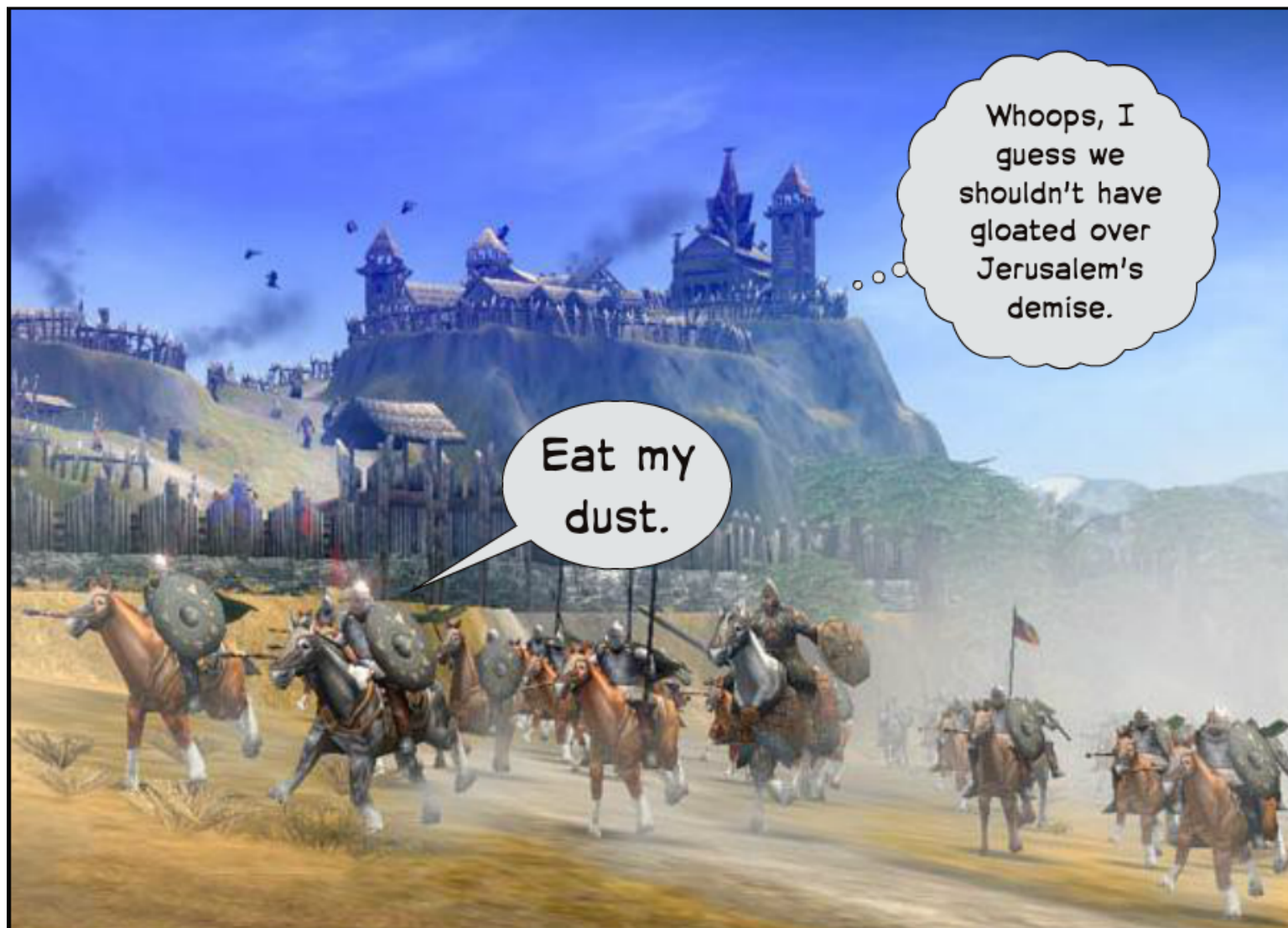
Ezekiel 25:13-14

Ezekiel 29 Egypt is Doomed



"Look, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great monster that lies in the midst of his rivers, that has said, 'My river is my own, and I have made it for myself.' I will put hooks in your jaws, and I will make the fish of your rivers stick to your scales; and I will bring you up out of the midst of your rivers, with all the fish of your rivers which stick to your scales.
Ezekiel 29:3-4

Ezekiel 26 Tyre Shouldn't Gloat



"For thus says the Lord GOD: 'Look, I will bring on Tyre Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and a company, and many people. He shall kill your daughters in the field with the sword; and he shall make forts against you, and cast up a mound against you, and raise up the buckler against you. He shall set his battering engines against your walls, and with his axes he shall break down your towers. By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover you: your walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen Ezekiel 26:7-10

Ezekiel 27 Tyre is Ruined



...in the day of your ruin: At the sound of the cry of your pilots the suburbs shall shake. All who handled the oar, the mariners, and all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships; they shall stand on the land, and shall cause their voice to be heard over you, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust on their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes: and they shall make themselves bald for you, and clothe them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for you in bitterness of soul with bitter mourning. Ezekiel 27:28-31

Ezekiel 28 Apocalyptic Tyre



You were the anointed cherub who covers: and I set you, so that you were on the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you. By the abundance of your traffic they filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I have cast you as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed you, covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness: I have cast you to the ground; I have laid you before kings, that they may see you. Ezekiel 28:14-17

Ezekiel 30 Neb Demolishes Egypt



...The day of the LORD is near; it shall be a day of clouds.

A sword shall come on Egypt, and anguish shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt; and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down. They also who uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down: from the tower of Seveneh shall they fall in it by the sword. They shall know that I am the LORD, when I have set a fire in

Egypt, and all her helpers are destroyed. Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought in to destroy the land; and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain. Ezekiel 30:3-4,6,8,10-11

Ezekiel 31 Down at Sheol



I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to Sheol with those who descend into the pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in the lower parts of the earth. They also went down into Sheol with him to those who are slain by the sword; yes, those who were his arm, that lived under his shadow in the midst of the nations. To whom are you thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet you will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the lower parts of the earth: you shall lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude,' says the Lord GOD. Ezekiel 31:16-18

Ezekiel 32 Egypt Desolate and Waste



Take up a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt, and tell him, 'You were likened to a young lion of the nations: yet you are as a monster in the seas; and you broke out with your rivers, and troubled the waters with your feet, and fouled their rivers.'

"Thus says the Lord GOD: 'I will spread out my net on you with a company of many peoples; and they shall bring you up in my net.

I will leave you on the land, I will cast you forth on the open field, and will cause all the birds of the sky to settle on you, and I will satisfy the animals of the whole earth with you. Ezekiel 32:2-4,7

Ezekiel 33 the Watchman Blew It



Thus says the Lord GOD: "You eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes to your idols, and shed blood: and shall you possess the land? You stand on your sword, you work abomination, and every one of you defiles his neighbor's wife: and shall you possess the land?" "As I live, surely those who are in the waste places shall fall by the sword; and him who is in the open field will I give to the animals to be devoured; and those who are in the strongholds and in the caves shall die of the pestilence. I will make the land a desolation and an astonishment; and the pride of her power shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate." Ezekiel 33:25-28

Ezekiel 34 Curse on the Shepherds



'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves. Shouldn't the shepherds feed the sheep? You eat the fat, and you clothe yourself with the wool, you kill the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. You haven't strengthened the diseased, neither have you healed that which was sick, neither have you bound up that which was broken, neither have you brought back that which was driven away, neither have you sought that which was lost; but with force and with rigor you have ruled over them. They were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and they became food to all the animals of the field, and were scattered. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill: yes, my sheep were scattered on all the surface of the earth; and there was none who searched or sought." Ezekiel 34:2-6

Ezekiel 35 Prophecy Against Seir



"Look, I am against you, Mount Seir, and I will stretch out my hand against you, and I will make you a desolation and an astonishment.

I will lay your cities waste, and you shall be desolate; and you shall know that I am the LORD.

"Because you have had a perpetual enmity, and have given over the children of Israel to the power of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of the iniquity of the end; therefore, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "I will prepare you for blood, and blood shall pursue you: since you have not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue you... When the whole earth rejoices, I will make you desolate. As you rejoiced over the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do to you: you shall be desolate, Ezekiel 35:3-6,14,15

Ezekiel 36 Sprinkle Clean Water



I am for you, and I will turn into you, and you shall be tilled and sown; and I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, even all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the waste places shall be built; ...I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. I will also give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my ordinances, and do them. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. Ezekiel 36:9-10,25-28

Ezekiel 37



...and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. He caused me to pass by them all around: and look, there were very many in the open valley; and look, they were very dry. He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I answered, "Lord GOD, you know." Again he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and tell them, 'You dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.' Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: 'Look, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will bring up flesh on you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'" Ezekiel 37:1-6

Ezekiel 38 Alexander The Great



I don't think this is going to end well!

Yeah, me neither!

After many days you shall be visited: in the latter years you shall come into the land that is brought back from the sword, that is gathered out of many peoples, on the mountains of Israel, which have been a continual waste; but it is brought forth out of the peoples, and they shall dwell securely, all of them. You shall ascend, you shall come like a storm, you shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you, and all your hordes, and many peoples with you. Ezekiel 38:8-9

Ezekiel 39 Maccabees Strike Back

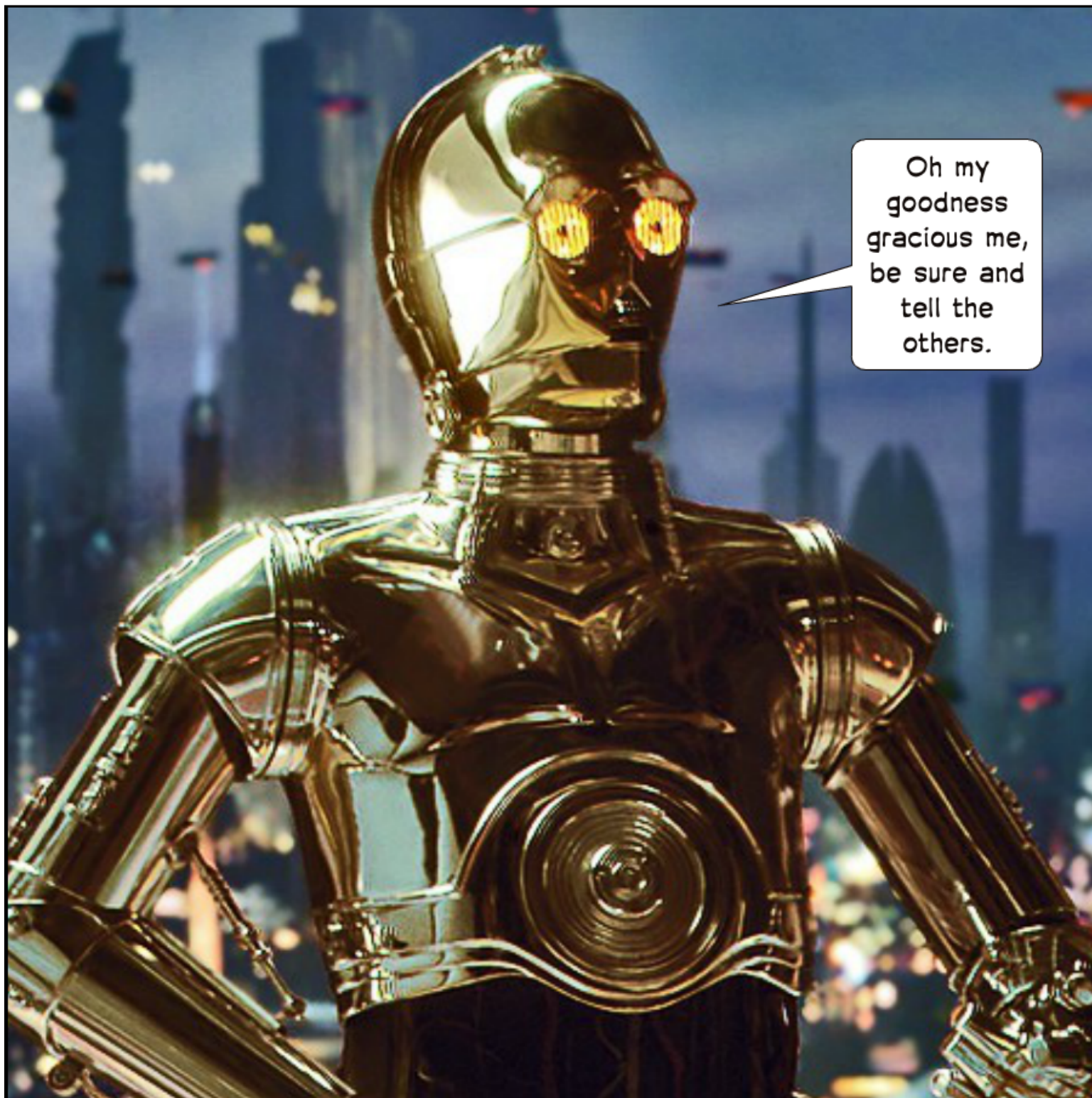


Turns out
we weren't
so "great"
after all

Yeah, they
sure like
drinkin'
blood!

Speak to the birds of every sort, and to every animal of the field, 'Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood. You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan. You shall eat fat until you be full, and drink blood until you are drunk, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. You shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war,' Ezekiel 39:17-20

Ezekiel 40 and the Bronze Man



...Look, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate. The man said to me, "Son of man, see with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and set your heart on all that I shall show you; for, to the intent that I may show them to you, you are brought here: declare all that you see to the house of Israel." Ezekiel 40:3-4

Ezekiel 41 and the Measuring Rod



Master Zeek
everything is going
well I guess. It's
just that we
haven't used
cubits around here
for the last
10,000 years!

The building that was before the separate place at the side toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick all around, and its length ninety cubits. So he measured the house, one hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with its walls, one hundred cubits long; also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, one hundred cubits. Ezekiel 41:12-14

Ezekiel 42 on Apocalyptic Day



Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east, and measured it all around. He measured on the east side with the measuring reed five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed all around. He measured on the north side five hundred reeds with the measuring reed all around. He measured on the south side five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. He turned about to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. Ezekiel 42:15-19

Ezekiel 43 Vision



Look, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shined with his glory. It was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. Ezekiel 43:2-3

Ezekiel 44 Heart, Body, Soul



'No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any foreigners who are among the children of Israel. But the Levites who went far from me, when Israel went astray, who went astray from me after their idols, they shall bear their iniquity. Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the house, and ministering in the house Ezekiel 44:9-12

Ezekiel 45 Biblical Proportions



Moreover, when you shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, you shall offer an offering to the LORD, a holy portion of the land; the length shall be the length of twenty-five thousand reeds, and the breadth shall be ten thousand: it shall be holy in all its border all around. Of this there shall be for the holy place five hundred in length by five hundred in breadth, square all around; and fifty cubits for its suburbs all around. Of this measure you shall measure a length of twenty-five thousand, and a breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary, which is most holy.

Ezekiel 45:1-3

Ezekiel 46 and the Boiling Houses



Something oddly familiar about these boiling pots.

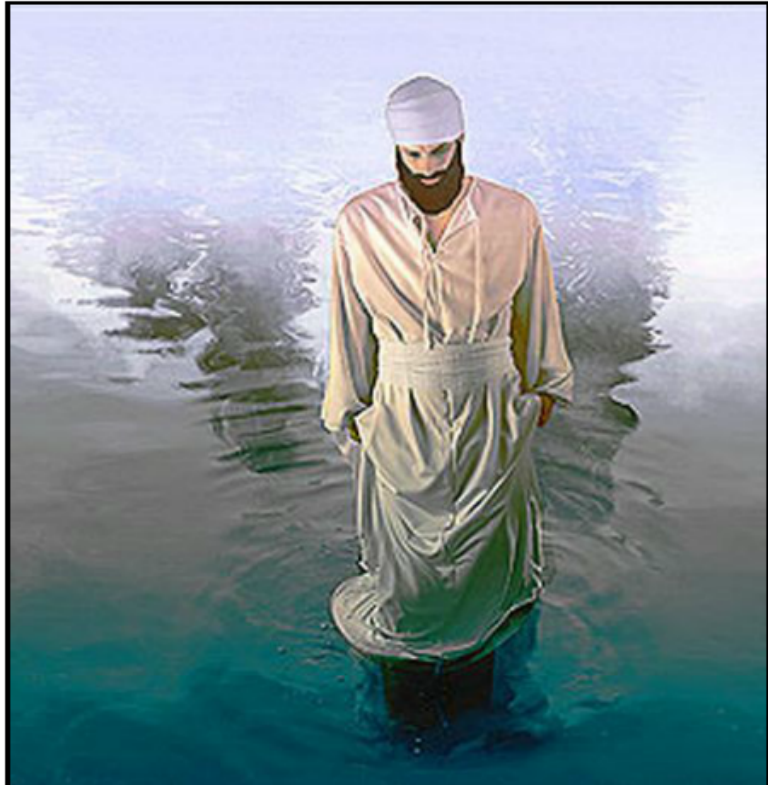
Yeah, me too!

In the four corners of the court there were courts enclosed, forty cubits long and thirty broad: these four in the corners were of one measure. There was a wall around in them, around the four, and boiling places were made under the walls all around. Then he said to me, "These are the boiling houses, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people." Ezekiel 46:22-24

Ezekiel 47 No Longer a Kiddie Pool



When the man went forth eastward with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the ankles. Ezekiel 47:3



Again he measured one thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the knees. Ezekiel 47:4a



Again he measured one thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the waist. Ezekiel 47:4b



Afterward he measured one thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass through; for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. Ezekiel 47:5

Ezekiel 48 Gates, Gates & More Gates



At the south side four thousand and five hundred reeds by measure, and three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one. At the west side four thousand and five hundred reeds, with their three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one. It shall be eighteen thousand reeds around: and the name of the city from that day shall be, 'The LORD is there. Ezekiel 48:33-35